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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.

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- I. Claims 40-53, 64, 69-72 and 74-76, drawn to a device including a releasable connector, operating to disable the device upon the release of the connector, in communication network, classified in class 455, subclass 575.6.
- II. Claims 59-62, 66, 68 and 73 and 20, drawn to a wearable device in operation with a further device in communication system, classified in class 340, subclass 573.

Inventions in group I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation.

The inventions are unrelated from the other because of the following reasons:

Invention in group I consist of a device, e.g., cellular mobile telephone which is attached to a connector, e.g., a strap. The separation of the device from the connector causes a controller in the device to effect partial disablement of the device.

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Invention in group II consist of a wearable device, e.g., a wrist watch which is in operation with a further device, e.g., a mobile telephone. The separation of the wearable device from the further device causes a controller in the wearable device to detects a diminution of radio link devices and effects partial disablement of the further device.

Because these inventions in group I and II are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

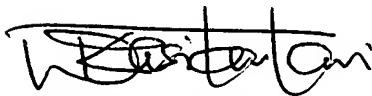
Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Conclusion


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